

ANALYSIS

Blight is revealing in a number of ways. Some blight, such as the physical deterioration of buildings and the presence of rubbish piles is apparent to the observer. Other forms make their impact, not upon the eyes but upon the taxpayer's pocketbook. But, regardless of the form taken, all manifestations of blight indicate the existence of a highly undesirable situation, one which is a continuous reality to those who must live in its midst.

This part of the report is concerned with documenting and describing the occurrence of certain observable and measurable indices of blight as they occur within the neighborhoods of Thomasville. The indices or forms chosen for use as indicators of blight in Thomasville are: physical condition of housing, unpaved streets, vehicular traffic accidents, public assistance cases, venereal disease cases, residential fire calls, and major police investigations.